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S.211

Introduced by Senators White, Baruth, Gulick, Hardy, Hashim, Lyons, Ram

Hinsdale, Vyhovsky, Weeks and Westman

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; operation; equipment; inspections

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require that motor vehicles be inspected every two years.

An act relating to motor vehicle inspections

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1222 is amended to read:

§ 1222. INSPECTION OF REGISTERED VEHICLES

(a) Except for school buses, which shall be inspected as prescribed in section 1282 of this title, and motor buses as defined in subdivision 4(17) of this title, which shall be inspected twice during the calendar year at six-month intervals, all motor vehicles registered in this State shall undergo a safety and visual emissions inspection once ~~each year~~ every two years and all motor vehicles that are registered in this State and are 16 model years old or less shall undergo an emissions or ~~on-board~~ on-board diagnostic (OBD) systems inspection once ~~each year~~ every two years as applicable. Any motor vehicle,

1 trailer, or semi-trailer not currently inspected in this State shall be inspected  
2 within 15 days following the date of its registration in the State of Vermont.

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4 Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 1230 is amended to read:

5 § 1230. CHARGE

6 For each inspection certificate issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles,  
7 the Commissioner shall be paid ~~\$8.00~~ \$16.00, provided that State and  
8 municipal inspection stations that inspect only State or municipally owned and  
9 registered vehicles shall not be required to pay a fee. All vehicle inspection  
10 certificate charge revenue shall be allocated to the Transportation Fund with  
11 one-half reserved for bridge maintenance activities.

12 Sec. 3. TRANSITION

13 The month of next inspection for all motor vehicles shall be the month  
14 shown on the current inspection certificate affixed to the vehicle. Inspection  
15 certificates issued after July 1, 2026, shall show a month that is two years after  
16 the month in which the vehicle is inspected.

17 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.